

WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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I-5 Lanes Closed Overnight in Everett While Crews Smooth Freeway Surface

Construction work to expand [I-5 through Everett](#) is intensifying. Workers are clearing trees on the shoulders of northbound I-5 and are using a large drilling rig and other construction machinery on the east side of northbound I-5. They're also grinding the freeway surface.

The pavement on I-5 through Everett is in poor condition. Heavy traffic and studded snow tires have created ruts in the roadway. Grinding will smooth these ruts and make the highway safer for drivers and quieter for neighbors. WSDOT and our contractor, Atkinson-CH2M Hill, are completing this work now so you and other drivers will reap the benefits of smoother pavement as soon as possible.

Grinding the freeway will also build up and stabilize freeway shoulders. As construction proceeds, traffic must be shifted onto freeway shoulders to provide room for crews to work. This will help keep traffic moving while crews build this complex construction project.

Crews will close lanes on I-5 through Everett overnight on weeknights through October to grind the freeway surface. They will make every effort to complete this work quickly. Late night drivers should plan for delays because crews will close all but one lane of I-5 in each direction overnight. They will also close the left hand Broadway exit.

New Lanes on Bothell-Everett Highway to Open in December

If Mother Nature cooperates, we will open [new lanes on SR 527](#) (Bothell Everett Highway) to traffic in December. This means instead of one lane in each direction between Mill Creek and Everett you will have two.

Along with additional lanes in each direction you will find a newly added two-way left-turn lane from 132nd Street Southeast in Mill Creek to 121st Southeast in Everett, greatly improving traffic flow on the Bothell-Everett Highway.

However, we're not quite done with construction. Next spring, paving crews will return to put down the final layer of asphalt and install permanent traffic markers. Through the fall and winter crews will continue to work on sidewalks and landscaping. Expect some daytime single lane closures.

Crews Start Work On SR 9 Improvements

Last week, WSDOT, Wilder Construction, lawmakers, business leaders, and local representatives [broke ground](#) on the [\\$33 million](#) widening project on SR 9 just north of Woodinville.

Crews have started work to transform two miles of a two lane rural highway into a four lane, modern urban highway. The new highway will include a raised center median to reduce the risk of deadly head-on collisions and costly side-swipe and rear-end collisions. During the past decade traffic on SR 9 between Woodinville (SR 522) and Marysville (SR 528) has increased 47 percent to 28,000 vehicles per day. Collisions have increased 79 percent to more than 400 per year. More than 150 of these collisions cause injuries.

This is the first of many improvements to come on SR 9. While we make upgrades we will do everything we can to keep traffic moving and keep you safe. From now until winter, you will notice crews and equipment alongside the highway. Please slow down and be alert when driving through construction work zones.

How to Learn More about Highway Construction in Snohomish County

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